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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 68-75 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 68-75 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                        | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)                     |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)    | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.  |
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### **DETAILED ACTION**

This Action is in response to Applicant's amendment filed 2-20-04. Claims 68-75 are pending in this Office Action. The objection to claims for containing non-elected subject matter has been maintained.

#### ***Claim Objections***

Claims 68-75 are objected to for containing non-elected subject matter. This objection may be overcome by limiting the claims to the elected subject matter identified in the previous office action.

#### ***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments filed February 20, 2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner expand her search, as is her duty, because prior art was apparently not found for the elected subject matter.

This is not found persuasive because: It is pointed out that the restriction requirement is made under 35 U.S.C. 121. 35 U.S.C. 121 gives the Commissioner (Director) the authority to limit the examination of an application where two or more independent and distinct inventions are claimed to only one invention. The Examiner has indicated that more than one independent and distinct invention is claimed in this application and has restricted (limited) the claimed subject matter accordingly. Thus, the requirement to restrict the claims in this application is predicated on the fact that the claimed subject matter involves more than one independent and distinct invention. Applicants do not argue to the contrary. Applicants do not point out and give reasons

why the claims do not involve independent or distinct subject matter. Accordingly, the restriction is proper. Moreover, it would constitute a burden to extend the search because separate search considerations would be involved in both the U.S. Patents and in the literature. The examination process following the search could easily result in different and thus burdensome considerations.

The restriction requirement here is predicated on the premise that the various compounds involved differ in structure and element so much so as to be patentably distinct, i.e. a reference which anticipated the elected compounds claimed would not even render obvious the others. Again, 35 U.S.C. 121 gives the Commissioner the authority to limit the examination of an application to a single invention. Applicant has not presented evidence that the examined subject matter is patentably indistinct from the non-examined subject matter. Moreover, the sheer number of variables, their huge possibilities, and the large number of permutations and combinations thereof result in compounds so numerous and diverse so as to be a burden to classify, search, and examine. Accordingly, the requirement to restrict is considered proper and is maintained. The search and examination of the application is directed to the following embodiment identified for examination only.

The following embodiment as depicted in claim 68 is identified for examination along with the elected embodiment: compounds of formula (I'a) wherein R'1 represents a hydrogen atom; a linear or branched C1-C20 alkyl radical, optionally substituted by 1 or 2 radicals R chosen from a halogen atom, a nitro radical, a cyano radical, a hydroxyl radical, an alkoxy radical, an aryloxy radical, an amino radical, an alkylamino radical, an

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acylamino radical, a carbamoyl radical, a sulphonamido radical, a sulphamoyl radical, an imido radical, an alkylthio radical, an arylthio radical, an aryl radical, a (C1-C4)alkoxy-carbonyl radical and an acyl radical; and an aryl radical optionally substituted by 1 or 2 radicals R as defined above;

R'2 represents a hydrogen atom; a C1-C4 alkyl radical; a C1-C4 monohydroxyalkyl radical; a C2-C4 polyhydroxyalkyl radical; a C1-C4 aminoalkyl radical a (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>p</sub>-X-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>q</sub>OR' radical in which p and q are identical or different integers ranging from 1 to 3, R' represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl radical, and X denotes an oxygen atom or an NR'' group in which R'' represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl radical; a (C1-C4)alkoxy(C2-C4)alkyl radical; or a di(C1-C4)alkylamino(C1-C4) alkyl radical;

R'3 is the same as R1, i.e. R3 represents a hydrogen atom; a linear or branched C1-C20 alkyl radical, optionally substituted by 1 or 2 radicals R chosen from a halogen atom, a nitro radical, a cyano radical, a hydroxyl radical, an alkoxy radical, an aryloxy radical, an amino radical, an alkylamino radical, an acylamino radical, a carbamoyl radical, a sulphonamido radical, a sulphamoyl radical, an imido radical, an alkylthio radical, an arylthio radical, an aryl radical, a (C1-C4)alkoxy-carbonyl radical and an acyl radical; and an aryl radical optionally substituted by 1 or 2 radicals R as defined above.

**THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within

TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sonya Wright, whose telephone number is (571) 272-0711. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Joseph K. McKane, can be reached at (571) 272-0699. The Official fax phone number for this Group is (703) 872-9306.

When filing a FAX in Technology Center 1600, please indicate in the Header (upper right) "Official" for papers that are to be entered into the file, and "Unofficial" for draft documents and other communications with the PTO that are not for entry into the file of the application. This will expedite processing of your papers.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to Technology Center 1600 at (571) 272-1600.



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